

“AIM HIGH”

**Issue 6
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Term Dates for 2009

2nd Feb – 3rd April
20th April – 26th June
13 July – 18th September
5th October – 18th December

Dates to remember:

March 24th FUN RUN
March 19th ‘Helping Children to Learn’ Info session
April 3rd Last Day Term 1
May 4th-8th MIDDLE UNIT CAMP
July 29th Middle/ Senior Aths

BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION:

Most parents would have received a recent letter from Darren Cheeseman MP regarding the funding schools will get access to under the Building The Education Revolution initiative.. The letter states that Bellaire PS will be eligible to access funding *up to* \$3 million dollars, pending approval of submissions. Bellaire has a strong history of developing our learning approaches and spaces to address the issues around 21st century learning and is certainly excited about this opportunity to further develop our wonderful school. The Senior Learning Unit project has been evidence of the improved learning environment we can develop to further engage learning.

We have been informed that the process of application and approval will be managed by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development – Victoria. The timeline is short, with submissions due to the BSW region by the end of March. The first round of funding will only be for 20% of schools and be mindful that the program is to be rolled out over the next three years. Further information will be received next week and we will endeavour to keep our school community briefed about this exciting opportunity.

NETBOOK INFORMATION SESSION

There will be a Netbook Information session this **Friday at 2.30pm** in the SLU for the parents of **Grade Five** students who weren’t able to attend last week’s session. Parents who have not attended an information session need to make every effort to attend this Friday as this will be the final session.

FUN RUN 24th MARCH 2009 9.30AM – 12.30PM

This event is one of our major fundraisers for the year. Your child should have received a note this week with a permission slip and a sponsorship sheet attached. Parent Helpers are needed, so if you can spare some of your time, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please see your child’s teacher.

PARENT HELPERS

We are always grateful for the assistance many parents offer in helping in the classrooms. To provide parents with some background knowledge of how children learn and how you can best help them with their learning, both at school and at home, you are invited to attend a parent program – *Helping Children To Learn* on **Thursday 19th March 9-11am** in the staffroom. Morning tea provided.

Chris Eddy

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I would like to attend the program, Helping Children to Learn, on 19th March 9-11am.

NAME:

CHILD’S GRADE:

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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| PREP B | Sarah Read | For being a good friend and a great listener in class. Well done, Sarah! |
| PREP C | Aysha | For her enthusiasm and participation at the Life Education van. Well done, Aysha! |
| PREP F | Lucea | For having a go at writing and always trying her best. Well done, Lucea! |
| PREP H | Kayla | For trying her best at all times and being a great friend. Great job, Kayla! |
| JUNIOR B | Imogen | For being a fantastic leader during reading groups. Well done, Imogen! |
| JUNIOR H | Lillian | For her fantastic recount of the Life Education van |
| JUNIOR L | Stuart | For his fantastic writing about the snow. |
| JUNIOR N | Charlie | For always making sure his table is neat and tidy |
| JUNIOR R | Clayton | For using classroom tools to improve his learning and for having a go! |
| JUNIOR S | Keeley | For fantastic writing about our bus trip with Harold from the Life Ed van |
| JUNIOR T | Sharnah | For doing so well this week during reading groups. Well done, Sharnah! |
| JUNIOR W | Keely | For her fantastic work on representing different ages on a time line |
| MIDDLE A | Duncan | For getting along with everyone and for his friendly, happy manners |
| MIDDLE J | Chloe | For working hard at everything she does, and for being a great member of Middle J! |
| MIDDLE L | Saskia | For her determination and hard work in maths this week. Well done, Saskia! |
| MIDDLE M | Dylan | For his improved organisation skills this week! |
| MIDDLE R | Robbie | For being a confident leader at our soccer clinic |
| MIDDLE S | Georgina | For her excellent answers when visiting the Life Education van |
| MIDDLE W | James | For really reflecting on his learning and trying hard to achieve his writing goal |
| SENIOR B | Teagan | For always using her time effectively and working hard to achieve her goals |
| SENIOR C | Nick | For a fantastic start to his conferences for 2009; organised and ready for a great discussion about his goals |
| SENIOR H | Molly | For persisting in maths all term! |
| SENIOR J | Ashleigh | For consistently displaying her fabulous writing skills |
| SENIOR K | Thomas | For showing excellent listening skills and making informed contributions to our Live Education van visit. Great tom! |
| SENIOR W | Danielle | For persistence in maths and an outstanding attitude overall |

CASUAL DRESS DAY

Casual dress day is upon us again! This term we are raising money to help support Cystic Fibrosis.

Cystic Fibrosis is the most common life threatening, recessive genetic condition affecting Australian children.

At present there is no cure for CF, but the faulty gene has been identified and doctors and scientists are working to find ways of repairing or replacing it.

By us raising money, we are helping to support this research.

Theme of this term is CRAZY HAIR!

We want to see your hair looking as crazy as possible.

Date – Wednesday 18th March

Theme – Crazy Hair

Who – Cystic Fibrosis



CONRATULATIONS Bellaire Tennis Team:

2nd for Boy's singles – Tom Dixon

1st for place Boys doubles – Devon and Oliver

2nd for Girl's singles -Keely

2nd for Girls' Doubles was Ashley and Emily.

BOOK CLUB

To ensure deliveries before term break, Issue 2 of Book Club will close on **Friday 20th March 2009**.

Also, **please note** that due to a few problems with direct telephone and internet payments we can longer process these - the preferred payment option for Book Club is through the school office by cash, cheque or credit card.

30 YEAR REUNION- Kelly Thornburgh is hoping to organise a reunion for students that attended Bellaire Primary School from 1973-1979. She would be interested to hear from anyone who attended during this time. Please ring Kelly on 52503862.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2009

Last Thursday, our student leaders - Isaac, Joel, Kate, Tess, Rowan, Will, Mikaela, Zac, Annalise, Chelsea, Bianca and Joel left Bellaire and headed to Skilled Stadium to attend the Young Leaders Conference. Many other schools in the Barwon South Network attended as well. Students from Belmont High, Oberon High and Grovedale SC gave presentations about leadership at their schools throughout the day. Next we worked in small groups to learn more about being a leader. We learnt about different things about being a leader like making changes, running a meeting or how to be a good leader. We did that twice. After that we had lunch and a play outside of Skilled Stadium. When we came back in we had to do a challenge. We had to complete a word search, create a song about our school, make a poster about something in our school that happens in May and finally build a bridge made of newspaper that a box can go under while holding an apple. Unfortunately each group could only have eight people so four of us had to split to work with another school. Bellaire did not get a place but, all in all, it was a fantastic day and everyone enjoyed it.

We thank the Rotary Club of Highton who sponsored the day and McHarrys Buslines who also helped out with transport on the day.

*Annalise and
Joel*



NOMINATIONS FOR STATE TEAMS –

Nomination forms are available for students in the **SLU only** for the following state teams:

Hockey, AFL Football, Netball, Soccer and Basketball.

Please note the the VPSSA has outlined that only students with exceptional skills that would be considered above their age group ability, should apply for the state teams. It is suggested that students who have represented these sports at a regional or similar level would be considered.

Students need to be aged 10, 11 or 12 in 2009 to be eligible.

Students need to be aware that there are very limited places and trials will be held if there are a large number of applications.

If students are chosen and continue through to State Level, parents should be aware that there are training commitments and participation costs between \$800-\$1000.

Please see Mrs Nekrep if you would like a nomination form.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The 2009/2010 Entertainment Books go on sale in the first week of term 2 for \$50. If you would like to reserve and pay for your book now, you can take advantage of some bonus coupons for restaurants/cafes such as Cucina One 12, Bistro @ 310, Brons, Lavish, Ha'penny Bridge.

If you **DON'T WANT** an Entertainment Book sent home, please write a note in your child's diary.



The **Premier's Reading Challenge** has now begun. All students have been registered.

You can log on to the Challenge to record the books you have read.

The website is at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Students log on with the first 3 letters of their last name and the first 3 letters of their first name

eg Tom Jones would log on with jontom

The password is bellaire1

Check the books that are on the Challenge list – many of these are in our library with a sticker on them to show they are on the list.

Keep a list of the books and the authors and, if possible, enter them on the website.

Parents should sign this list of books to validate that they have been read and then bring the list to Ms Eddy or Mrs Harvey.

A parent permission form to have your child's printed in The Age will be sent home.

Keep reading!

BARWON AUSKICK

FRIDAY NIGHT CLINIC UNDER LIGHTS

REGISTRATION FOR 2009 WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY THE 3rd APRIL AT HIGHTON RESERVE, ROSLYN ROAD HIGHTON FROM 5.00pm - 7.00pm

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE BRING SIGNED FORM ON THE NIGHT COSTS \$55
CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO HAVE A KICK OF THE FOOTY ON THE OVAL
CONTACT GLENN THOMPSON 0414 430506 START UP DATE FRIDAY 24th APRIL

GROVEDALE COLLEGE CAMPUS TOUR DATES

Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to participate in a tour of Grovedale College.

Scheduled tours occur every

Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am
during the months of **March, April and May.**

Alternative tours times are available by appointment, please contact the College office on 5245 4545.



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